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COTTON & PEANUT PRODUCTION UP FROM 2010

Based on September 1 conditions, the yield for soybeans is up from last year, while yield's were down for cotton, corn, tobacco, and peanuts, the USDA NASS South Carolina Field Office announced today.

COTTON production in 2011 is forecast at 470,000 bales – up 7 percent from last month and up 25 percent from last year. Yield per acre is expected to average 745 pounds, down 43 pounds from the August forecast, and down 153 pounds from the 2010 yield. Acreage for harvest, at 303,000 acres, is up 51 percent from 2010.

CORN production in 2011 is expected to total 19.4 million bushels, down 5 percent from last month, and down 36 percent from last year. Expected yield per acre of 57 bushels is down 3 bushels from the August forecast, and down 34 bushels from 2010. Acreage for harvest as grain, at 340,000, is up 5,000 acres from 2010.

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO production, as of September 1, is forecast at 23.2 million pounds. This is down 6 percent from last month's forecast, and down 36 percent from last year's production of 36.0 million pounds. Yield per acre of 1,600 pounds is down 100 pounds from last month, and down 650 pounds from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 14,500, is unchanged from last month, but down 1,500 acres from a year ago.

SOYBEAN production this year is forecast at 10.1 million bushels, up 8 percent from last month, but down 3 percent from last year. Expected yield per acre of 26.0 bushels is up 2 bushels from the August forecast, and up 3 bushels from 2010. Acres for harvest, at 390,000, are down 65,000 acres from a year ago.

PEANUT production is forecast at 219.0 million pounds – up 14 percent from last month and up 1 percent from a year ago. Yield per acre, at 3,000 pounds is up 100 pounds from August, but down 400 pounds from the 2010 yield. Acreage for harvest, at 73,000, is up 9,000 acres from last year.

UNITED STATES 2011 PRODUCTION AND PERCENT OF PREVIOUS YEAR

Corn	12.5 Bil. Bu	100 %	Peanuts	3.46 Bil. Lbs.	83 %
Soybeans	3.09 Bil. Bu.	93 %	Cotton, Upland	15.8 Mil. Bales	90 %
Tobacco, F.C.	379.5 Mil.Lbs.	84 %			